



SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
PALOS HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called to order the regular meeting of the City of Palos Heights City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the City Administrative Center, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the following were present:

<i>Mayor</i>	Robert Straz	<i>Ward 1</i>	Jeffrey Key & Donald Bylut
<i>City Clerk</i>	Thomas Kantas	<i>Ward 2</i>	Jack Clifford & Robert Basso
<i>City Treasurer</i>	James Daemicke	<i>Ward 3</i>	Brent Lewandowski & Heather Begley
<i>City Attorney</i>	Tom Brown	<i>Ward 4</i>	Michael McGrogan & Jerry McGovern

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor delivered a Proclamation recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution – Swallow Cliff Chapter and proclaiming September 17 through 23, 2021 as Constitution Week

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes: City Council Meeting - August 17, 2021

- Approval of Payroll and Voucher List for the period ending September 3, 2021.

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Bylut. On roll call, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

VII. OPENING OF SEALED BIDS

None

VII. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor:

The Mayor requested a Motion to direct the City Attorney to begin negotiations with MWRD to surrender our existing Lake Katherine lease in exchange for a new 50-year lease with final lease approval by City Council at a later date

Alderman Key moved to direct the City Attorney to begin negotiations seconded by Alderman McGovern.

On roll call, the motion to direct the city attorney to begin negotiations with the MWRD was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

B. Clerk: No report

B. Treasurer: No Report

C. City Attorney: No Report

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Key announced that E Waste recycling will take place on October 9th at the

Metra Station from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Alderman Key announced that Jim's Bridge to a Brighter Future fostering wellness and suicide prevention will hold a fundraiser at Zachary's on 9/12.

Alderman McGovern stated that there will be upcoming opportunities to assist veterans returning from Afghanistan and urged residents to contribute to this effort. One location offering such services is the Veterans Center on 159th Street.

IX. CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Frank Costa, the owner of Rooftop Tap, addressed the City Council regarding his request that the City consider allowing video gaming in the City.

X. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Finance—*Chairperson Alderman McGrogan*: No report

B. Public Safety—*Chairperson Alderman Basso*: Reported on the Police Department's request that parents discuss the issue of bullying with their children and that victims of bullying are encouraged to report it. Recent scams involve a lottery scheme that targets victims claiming they have won the lottery. Legitimate winners are not contacted by the lottery and that residents should not send money for processing fees or provide personal information. Residents should also be alerted to credit card scams taking place over the phone.

C. Municipal Grounds and Property—*Chairperson Alderman Begley*:

- Alderman Begley moved to approve a sales order with Temple Display Ltd. in the amount of \$8,840.00 for the installation, removal, and storage of the 2021 holiday decorations along Harlem Avenue seconded by Alderman Lewandowski.

On roll call, the motion to approve the sales order with Temple Display was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Begley discussed proposed Holiday Decorations at Community Park reporting that Maria Decaprio Sunta has proposed designs for decorations at Community Park which are under consideration.

- D. Planning and Zoning—*Chairperson Alderman McGovern*: No Report
- E. Recreation—*Chairperson Alderman Key*: Reported that the Veterans Breakfast hosted by the Recreation Department will take place on 11/10 from 9:30 to 11:30 free of charge to Veterans and that interested residents should contact the Taylor at the Rec Department 708-361-1807 to register.
- F. Roads and Construction—*Chairperson Alderman Clifford*: Reported that 123rd Street construction is ongoing and progressing as scheduled. 123rd Street will be closed in the upcoming weeks to allow for the construction to continue as planned. Signs will be posted informing residents of any closures. Alderman Clifford provided an overview of the future construction plans as well.
- G. License, Permits & Franchises—*Chairperson Alderman Lewandowski*: Delivered a letter to the City Clerk directed to the City Council.
- H. Water and Sewer—*Chairperson Alderman Bylut*:
 - Alderman Bylut moved to approve a partial payment to Sewertech LLC for the 2021 Clean and CCTV program in the amount of \$44,483.31 seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve a partial payment to Lindahl Brothers for the 123rd Street Water Main Project in the amount of \$37,920.99 Clifford .

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key, McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve for the final payment to Giant Maintenance and Restoration for painting 203 hydrants in the amount of \$16,849.00 seconded

by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve the payment was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve to complete the USEPA mandated Emergency Response Plan with Strand and Associates in the amount of \$8,200.00 seconded by Alderman Clifford.

On roll call, the motion to approve the plan was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

- Alderman Bylut moved to approve to complete the water main assessment and water system CIP Development with Strand and Associates in the amount of \$41,500.00 seconded by Alderman Key.

On roll call, the motion to approve the water main assessment and water system was:

Ayes: (8) Basso, Bylut, Begley, Clifford, Lewandowski, Key,
McGovern, McGrogan

Nays: (0) None

With eight (8) affirmative votes the motion carried.

XI. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- A. Business/Economic Development: Alderman Key - Reported that the Chamber of Commerce will host a golf outing at Palos Country Club on September 23rd and invited interested residents to contact the Chamber on their website www.palosareachamber.org.

The Welcome Back program for Trinity College took place recently with local businesses along with the Library participating. Alderman Key thanked those

sponsoring and participating in the event. Channel 4 provided excellent coverage of the event as well.

- B. Ad Hoc Cable TV: Alderman McGovern - Reported that Ron Jankowski appeared on August 14th before the Daughters of the American Revolution to offer remarks and information on Channel 4. Reported that Channel 4 will provide coverage of the upcoming September 11th ceremony.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Bylut discussed a concrete slab installed at Lake Katherine intended to serve as a bike rack. Alderman Bylut did not believe the matter had been brought before the City for approval. The Buildings and Grounds minutes reflected that the Rec Advisory Committee has proposed the measure but was not considered by the Recreation Department.

Alderman Begley stated that the Buildings and Grounds committee approved the measure and that Alderman Bylut was not in attendance at that meeting. The Public Works Director provided a presentation regarding the nature of the measure and its placement. Mr. Jasinski reported in that meeting that the placement of the bike rack was done after careful consideration of the issue and was done appropriately. The measure was approved on June 22, 2021 and was done for less than \$5,000.00. After conferring with residents regarding their concerns about the placement that information was taken into consideration regarding the future of the measure. The concrete for the measure was utilized from the left over concrete used to repair a recent water main break and did not incur additional expense.

Alderman McGovern stated he likes the placement of the measure and asked what will happen to it in the future. Alderman Begley stated that the issue will be addressed in committee. Alderman Key stated that the Beautification Committee originally raised the issue of additional bike racks to be made available in the City. Alderman Key stated that Buildings and Grounds would be the appropriate committee to consider the measure. Alderman Begley stated that the approval of the measure was authorized pursuant to the City Code as a permitted expenditure.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Clifford stated whether or not an additional monument could be constructed in memory of September 11th dedicated to first responders and members of the military.

XIV. CITIZENS ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EVENING'S BUSINESS

None

XV. CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Key moved to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel Under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act seconded by Alderman McGovern. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

XVI. OPEN SESSION

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the appointment of a Building Commissioner seconded by Alderman Key. The motion carried by voice vote.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m. the Mayor requested a motion to adjourn that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
PALOS HEIGHTS CITY CLERK


Thomas Kantas

9.21.21
Date